

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 15, 2016

Mr. Thomas C. Schull
Director/Chief Executive Officer
Army & Air Force Exchange Service
3911 South Walton Walker Boulevard
Dallas, Texas 75236

Dear Mr. Schull:

We are writing to express concern with the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's (AAFES) decision to close its Duluth, Minnesota location in 2017. The decision to close the store will have a negative impact on our military personnel at the US Air National Guard's 148th Fighter Wing base in Duluth and the thousands of veterans we proudly represent who live in the area.

The Duluth exchange has provided exceptional service for decades to its customers. Active-duty, reserve and retired Army and Air Force personnel and their family members utilize the exchange which offers a best price guarantee and tax free shopping. Closing the store will leave these customers without a viable alternative as the nearest AAFES store is located in the Twin Cities, 165 miles away from Duluth.

We strongly urge you to reconsider plans to close the Duluth store and encourage you to work with the National Guard and City of Duluth to find an alternative space. We look forward to your reply and working with you to ensure the continued presence of the AAFES in Duluth.

Sincerely,

		
<hr/> Amy Klobuchar	<hr/> Al Franken	<hr/> Richard M. Nolan
United States Senator	United States Senator	Member of Congress